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At the Court at *Windſor*, *Auguſt* 13. 1705.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

HER *Majeſty is Graciouſly pleaſed this Day to Order, That all Ships belonging to the Subjects of the* States General *of the* United Provinces, *which have been taken by any of Her Majeſty's Ships of War or Privateers, or which are now under Arreſt in any of Her Majeſty's Ports, together with their Loadings, be forthwith releaſed; and that for the future no Ships, having Paſſes from the ſaid* States General *to Trade with* France, *be taken or moleſted in their Voyage by any of Her Majeſty's ſaid Ships of War or Privateers; Her Majeſty having already opened the Trade with the Dominions of* Spain *for the Advantage of Her Own Subjects. And Her Majeſty is pleaſed further to Declare and Order, That Inſtructions be now given for the future to the Commanders of Her Majeſty's Ships of War and Privateers, not to bring up or moleſt either the Ships of Her Own Subjects, or thoſe of the Subjects of the* States General, *furniſhed with proper Paſſes from Her Majeſty or the ſaid* States General *reſpectively, ſo as they do not carry any Goods or Merchandize which are Contraband. And all Commanders of Her Majeſty's Ships of War, as well as Privateers, or Merchant Ships having Letters of Marque, are to conform themſelves hereunto, notwithſtanding any Commiſſions or Inſtructions heretofore given them to the contrary. And for their more particular Direction for the future, his Royal Highneſs, Lord High Admiral, is forthwith to Order ſuch Inſtructions to be prepared, as may be proper for the Commanders of Ships of War and Privateers in this behalf, to be delivered to them as ſoon as may be.*

Chriſ. Muſgrave.

Moſcow, *July* 15. *N. S.* Here are Letters from Cronſhloſs in the Bay of Finland of the 18th of laſt Month with Advice, That on the 4th the Swediſh Fleet, conſiſting of 20 Sail of Ships, came before that Caſtle, and on the 6th began to fire upon it, and upon the Czar's Ships which lay there, both with great and ſmall Shot, and threw ſeveral Bombs, but with little effect. The Swedes likewiſe endeavoured to land ſome Men on the Iſland Refardet, but were beaten back with the Loſs of 50 or 60 Men killed, and 35 taken Priſoners, two of them Captains. They renewed their Attack the 10th with great Vigour, but were again repulſed; and the 14th they went off to Sea. Theſe Advices add, That ſeveral of the Swediſh Ships were ſaid to be very much damaged by the Fire from the Caſtle, and the Ruſſian Ships; ſo that it was believed the Swedes would hardly make a third Attempt.

Falmouth, *Auguſt* 9. On the 7th Inſtant came in here Her Majeſty's Ship the Penzance from cruiſing in the North Chanel, having under her Convoy the Mary Brigantine of London, laden with Sugar from Nevis, but laſt from Milford, with the Reformation of Topſham, and the Elizabeth of Leverpool, both laden with Rock-Salt from Leverpool. Yeſterday the Wolfembourg and the Young Heer, two Privateers of Fluſhing, came in from cruiſing, and brought with them as Prize the Santa Maria of and from Bilboa, laden with Wooll and Iron. The Commanders report, That on the 6th Inſtant, in the Latitude of Uſhant, they ſaw two of Her Majeſty's Ships, belonging to Sir George Byng's Squadron, engaged with two French Men of War; and that the remainder of that Squadron being near them, they doubt not but the French Ships are taken; And that the 7th, about 6 Leagues South-Eaſt from this Place, they ſaw 3 of our Frigats give Chaſe to a ſingle Ship, and one of them came up with her, and gave her ſeveral Broadſides: They ſuppoſe her to be alſo a French Cruiſer, and believe ſhe could not eſcape.

Plimouth, *Auguſt* 12. On the 8th Inſtant came in here Her Majeſty's Ships the Chatham and Medway, with a French Prize, being a Man of War of 54 Guns; as did alſo Her Majeſty's Ship the Triton, which brought in upon Suſpicion the St. Anthony of Genoa, laden with Wool from Bilboa. The 9th came in one of Her Majeſty's Ships, and under her Convoy 38 Sail of Merchant-men from Barbadoes; and the Sidney Galley and Hart Prize from the Canaries. The 10th came in the Concord of Bidiford from Lisbon. That night and the next morning we had a terrible Storm, in which ſome Merchant Ships were caſt away, and others driven on Shore. The Men of War are all ſafe, but ſome were forced to cut their Maſts